

Amendments to the Specification – BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION:

Please replace page 1, 2nd paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

Desktop analyzers, particularly for veterinary use and point of care (POC) human use, are known in the art. For example, the Abaxis Vetscan™ and Hemagen Analyst™ are both desktop analyzers for veterinary use. The Vitros® DT-60 is a desktop analyzer manufactured by Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics Corp. Other known analyzers include those POC analyzers described in U.S. Patent Nos. 5,968,329, 5,747,666, 5,980,830 and 5,787,015, all of which are incorporated by reference in their entireties. U.S. Patent No. 4,965,049 also discloses a modular analyzer system. U.S. Patent No. 5,983,734 discloses a modular automated diagnostic system. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0098116 ('116 publication) describes a biochemical analysis system that includes a circular sample tray and a removable sample cartridge. EP 458 138 A2 discloses a diagnostic system that includes a slide compartment having a graduated microcup and pipette tip opening. U.S. Patent No. 4,797,257 describes analyzers and their components that use slides as test elements. U.S. Patent Nos. 5,741,708, 5,244,633, and 5,736,403 all disclose analyzers having concentric rotors. These publications are also incorporated by reference in their entireties.

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 3, 6 and 7. These sheets, which include Figs. 3, 6 and 7, replaces the original sheets including Figs. 3, 6 and 7.

Attachments: Replacement Sheets